

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, May 31, 1894, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. (Washington, D. C. May 31, 1894) My dear Alec:

It's nice hearing from you and knowing how you are getting on. I am so glad you are better, and do not believe the long sea voyage did you any harm even if it was aggravating.

I have been staying quietly at home today, only going over the place with Papa. It is the most perfect thing I ever imagined. I wish you could have gone over it, you can have no idea how beautiful it is, how perfectly art has been confined with Nature to make a most beautiful place. The new pond is still little more than a yellow mud hole, but the old one is exquisite with the water-lillies, papyrus and air plants floating on its surface, the honeysuckle and wild white roses climbing the fence around its banks. The paths under the trees are full of surprises of the most delightful kind, for they seem so natural after all.

Mamma has been better today, she was down yesterday and the day before, for she knew Uncle Theo's bandage had been removed on the 10th day and hers wasn't, so she was discouraged, and it hurt her a good deal, but today she g f elt better.

Mr. Crouter came on to see Papa and you, he telephoned Mr. Gillett was all broken up, that is all I know for Papa went on to New York on other business. I hope it is not serious.

Now I am going to bed, I have a little cold in my head and my eyes ache. I am going to see Dr. Burnett about them and Daisy's tomorrow to be sure they are all right.

Lovingly always, Mabel.